



## **News Release**

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Headline: **Members Sought for Task Force**

MATTHEWS: Matthews Mayor Lee Myers will appoint a task force to talk about the preservation of Matthews' history.

"We need to have two questions answered," Matthews Mayor Lee Myers commented. "What is the future of the history of Matthews? Do we need to have a plan to preserve the history of Matthews? If so, what should the plan look like and whose responsibility is it to preserve the history of Matthews?"

The Town and community have been able to save several crucial buildings and structures of historical significance including the Reid House and the old Matthews School. While Town Hall houses several historical exhibits, there are other additional items from the town's past that do not have a permanent home. For example, memorabilia from the Bank of Matthews, such as a bank vault and teller cages are in storage at this time. The Bank used to be located in the former Funderburk Building located on N. Trade St. where Holiday Haus, Sante Restaurant and Weaver, Bennett and Bland are now located.

Jim Taylor, the Mayor Pro-Tem of Matthews and Paula Lester, the president of the Matthews Historic Foundation, will serve as co-chairs of the group. Seven to nine additional members are being sought for the group.

The task force would meet beginning in October and complete their work in January when they would make their recommendation.

If you would like to serve on this task force please contact the Matthews Town Clerk, Jill Pleimann, at 704-847-4411, ext. 231. You do not have to be a resident of Matthews to be appointed.

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